

Monday, August 3, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity

Senate

Chamber Action

Senate was not in session today. It will next meet at 12 noon on Monday, August 31, 1998.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 4380–4387; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 314–315, and H. Res. 515 were introduced. **Page H6999**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 2759, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the requirements for the admission of nonimmigrant nurses who will practice in health professional shortage areas, amended (H. Rept. 105–668);

H.R. 3047, to authorize expansion of Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas, by 16 acres (H. Rept. 105–669);

H.R. 4380, making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999 (H. Rept. 105–670);

H.R. 4342, to make miscellaneous and technical changes to various trade laws, amended (H. Rept. 105–671);

H. Con. Res. 213, expressing the sense of the Congress that the European Union is unfairly restricting the importation of United States agriculture products and the elimination of such restrictions should be a top priority in trade negotiations with the European Union, amended (H. Rept. 105–672);

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Petri to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6881**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:53 a.m. and reconvened at 12:00 noon. **Page H6884**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Veterans Benefits Improvement Act: H.R. 4110, amended, to provide a cost-of-living adjustment in rates of compensation paid to veterans with service-connected disabilities, to make various improvements in education, housing, and cemetery programs of the Department of Veterans Affairs; **Pages H6885–91**

Persian Gulf War Veterans Health Care and Research Act: H.R. 3980, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to treat illnesses of Persian Gulf War veterans, to provide authority to treat illnesses of veterans which may be attributable to future combat service, and to revise the process for determining priorities for research relative to the health consequences of service in the Persian Gulf War; **Pages H6891–98**

Voluntary Service Authorization: S. 2143, to amend chapter 45 of title 28, United States Code, to authorize the Administrative Assistant to the Chief Justice to accept voluntary services—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H6698–99**

Federal Charter to American GI Forum: S. 1759, to grant a Federal charter to the American GI Forum of the United States—clearing the measure for the President; Pages H6899–H6901

Private Trustee Reform Act: H.R. 2592, amended, to amend title 11 of the United States Code to provide private trustees the right to seek judicial review of United States trustee actions related to trustee expenses and trustee removal. Agreed to amend the title; Pages H6901–03

Controlled Substances Trafficking Prohibition Act: H.R. 3633, amended, to amend the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act to place limitations on controlled substances brought into the United States from Mexico. Agreed to amend the title; Pages H6903–06

George H.W. Bush Center for Central Intelligence: H.R. 3821, to designate the Headquarters Compound of the Central Intelligence Agency located in Langley, Virginia, as the George H.W. Bush Center for Central Intelligence; Pages H6906–09

Assistance to Mexico to Combat Wildfires: H. Res. 469, amended, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding assistance to Mexico to combat wildfires. Agreed to amend the title; Pages H6909–12

Shackleford Banks Wild Horses Protection Act: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 765, to ensure maintenance of a herd of wild horses in Cape Lookout National Seashore—clearing the measure for the President; Page H6912

National Park Service Administrative Amendment: H.R. 1728, amended, to provide for the development of a plan and a management review of the National Park System and to reform the process by which areas are considered for addition to the National Park System; Pages H6912–13

Fort Davis National Historic Site Expansion: H.R. 3047, to authorize expansion of Fort Davis National Historic Site in Fort Davis, Texas, by 16 acres; Pages H6913–14

Land Conveyance in Carson National Forest: Agreed to the Senate amendment to H.R. 434, to provide for the conveyance of small parcels of land in the Carson National Forest and the Santa Fe National Forest, New Mexico, to the village of El Rito and the town of Jemez Springs, New Mexico—clearing the measure for the President; Pages H6914–15

Fishery Agreement with Republic of Latvia: H.R. 3460, amended, to approve a governing international fishery agreement between the United States and the Republic of Latvia; Pages H6915–18

Iran Nuclear Proliferation Prevention Act: H.R. 3743, amended, to withhold voluntary proportional assistance for programs and projects of the International Atomic Energy Agency relating to the development and completion of the Bushehr nuclear power plant in Iran (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 405 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 377);

Pages H6918–22, H6945–46

Finding Iraq in Breach of International Obligations: S.J. Res. 54, finding the Government of Iraq in material and unacceptable breach of its international obligations (agreed to by a ye and nay vote of 407 yeas to 6 nays, Roll No. 378)—clearing the measure for the President; Pages H6923–25, H6946–47

Emergency Farm Financial Relief Act: S. 2344, to amend the Agricultural Market Transition Act to provide for the advance payment, in full, of the fiscal year 1999 payments otherwise required under production flexibility contracts—clearing the measure for the President; Pages H6925–30

Health Professional Shortage Area Nursing Relief Act: H.R. 2759, amended, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to the requirements for the admission of nonimmigrant nurses who will practice in health professional shortage areas; and Pages H6931–35

Correction Officers Health and Safety Act: H.R. 2070, amended, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for the mandatory testing for serious transmissible diseases of incarcerated persons whose bodily fluids come into contact with corrections personnel and notice to those personnel of the results of the tests. Agreed to amend the title.

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Recess: The House recessed at 4:36 p.m. and reconvened at 5:21 p.m. Page H6937

Presidential Message—Arab League Boycott of Israel: Read a message from the President wherein he submitted his report concerning the steps taken by the United States to end the Arab League Boycott of Israel—referred to the Committees on International Relations and Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 105–295). Page H6937

Bipartisan Campaign Integrity Act: The House continued consideration of amendments to H.R. 2183, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office. Pages H6937–45, H6947–48

Agreed to the Shays amendment in the nature of a substitute that bans all contributions of “soft money”, imposes restrictions on issue advocacy communications, and contains the language of H.R. 3526, the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act (agreed

to by a recorded vote of 237 ayes to 186 noes, Roll No. 379);

Pages H6937–45, H6947–48

The House is considering the bill pursuant to H. Res. 442 and H. Res. 458, the rules providing for consideration of the bill.

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Klug wherein he resigned from the Committee on Commerce.

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Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 515, electing Representative Wilson to the Committee on Commerce.

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Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations: The House completed general debate and began consideration of amendments to H.R. 4276, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999.

Pages H6948–82

Pending:

The Mollohan amendment that seeks to increase funding for the Legal Services Corporation by \$109 million. The House completed debate on the amendment, and the vote was postponed until August 4.

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Senate Messages: Message received from the Senate appears on page H6881.

Referrals: S. 1325 was referred to the Committee on Science; S. 1883 was referred to the Committee on Resources; S.J. Res. 35 and S.J. Res. 51 were referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Page H6997

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H7000.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6945–46, H6946–47, and H6947. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:09 p.m.

Committee Meetings

SMALL ORDER EXECUTION SYSTEM— IMPACT AND EFFECTIVENESS

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on The Impact and Effectiveness of the Small Order Execution System. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MAMMOGRAPHY QUALITY STANDARDS REAUTHORIZATION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Health and Environment approved for full Committee action the introduction of a clean bill entitled the Mammog-

raphy Quality Standards Reauthorization Act of 1998.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings are scheduled.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see page E1528 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Banking and Financial Services, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 3617, Community Development Financial Institutions Fund Amendments Act of 1998; and H.R. 4364, Depository Institution Regulatory Streamlining Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on the circumstances surrounding the FCC's planned relocation to the Portals, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, to continue hearings on Impediments to Union Democracy, Part III: Rank and File Rights at the American Radio Association, 1 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, hearing on "The Need for an Independent Counsel in the Campaign Finance Investigation", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to continue markup of H.R. 3789, Class Action Jurisdiction Act of 1998; and to mark up the following bills: H.R. 4006, Lethal Drug Abuse Prevention Act of 1998; H.R. 218, Community Protection Act of 1997; H.R. 2921, Multichannel Video Competition and Consumer Protection Act of 1997; H.R. 3607, National Youth Crime Prevention Demonstration Act, and H.R. 4264, to establish the Bureau of Enforcement and Border Affairs within the Department of Justice; and to consider private immigration bills, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on U.S./Russian national security issues, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Fire Suppression, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider the following: H.R. 4274, making appropriations for the Department of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999; and H.R. 3892, English Language Fluency Act, 2:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Technology, oversight hearing on Developing Partnerships for Assistive and Universally Designed Technologies for Persons with Disabilities, 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Oversight, hearing on the Funding Mechanisms of the "E-Rate" Program, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.